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Dear Hal,

Many thanks for yours postmarked 30 May. Your difficulties with the psycho/medical people impossible for me to grasp fully. But I think, now, that the main problem is that I simply do not know what it is like to seek any sort of private or personal treatment in the eastern U.S. Good god, what a hell'va mess! Again, do remember our invitation—good anytime, of course. Anytime at all. Nebraska may not be very hip...but we'll find you a physician with more humanity than those you've described. And honest treatment as well.

Bremer. From all accounts a genuine cipher. Makes Oswald and the others seem distinguished, by comparison. Still, he almost did it. Wallace was lucky—and he's evidently fairly tough, physically, too. The governor hardly represents a political view that I endorse, but having some demented idiot shoot him only lends more momentum, I'm afraid, to a campaign that might have otherwise begun to fade as it deserves.

At the same time, I do regret hearing that you've sent the Ockie thing for consideration by National Enquirer. If they print it you may rue the day. But I do want to read it if it's published so let me know.

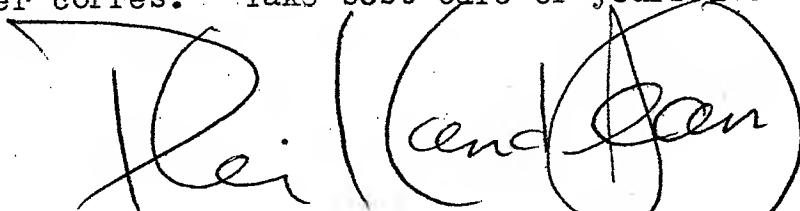
Story of your niece is charming, though she may find us uncommonly hard-nosed about mss. Or so other people say. At least we have always replied directly, in our own hand & not via printed rejection or acceptance notice, and spoken frankly. Frankness, I dare say, is in this business always demanded—and seldom appreciated when supplied. In any case, we give our opinion...which is of course all we have available in the first place. Eh?

Buchwald. Thanks for the clips—one of which we had indeed missed seeing. Your hunch about the Weird-Herald not running his column is understandable, given that paper's overall Calvin Coolidge point of view...but in fact the W-H does carry Buchwald—probably because the wit is too heavy for them...

Re: your letter to Kelley. Goddamnit Hal, this must be the 27th carbon you've sent us! We're still working on it.

Enclosed here is a Buchwald book we thought you might enjoy having on the shelf, and also the text of Lattimer's article in the May Resident & Physician.

Must quit & move on to other corres. Take best care of yourselves—

  
R. E. Boatright  
(and Sean)